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DIVISION OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Subject: New Ore Rail Reload Location for the Bingham Canyon Mine,
Permit # M/035/002

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

Ore that is sent to the North Concentrator is currently loaded into rail cars at the 5,840 ft level of the Bingham open pit. Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation (KUCC) intends to move the location of this reload operation into Bingham Canyon in the vicinity of the Dry Fork Maintenance Shops in 2000.

As shown on the attached map, the new reload area is located within the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining permit boundaries and will be sited on an area that has already been disturbed by mining operations. The new reload facility will have essentially the same design as the existing facility. It will be located above the surface water and groundwater collection systems in lower Bingham Canyon. All ore will be removed from the new facility at the end of open pit mine operations.

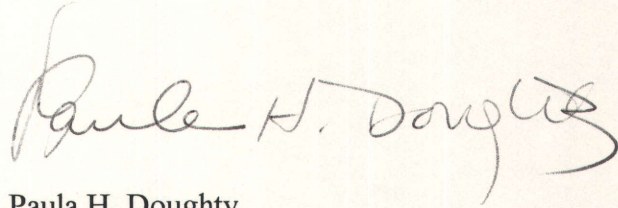
The movement of the reload area will allow the rail line to be removed from upper Bingham Canyon so that the upper canyon can be used for waste rock disposal. This will result in a more than 100 acre reduction in the planned final footprint of the waste rock dumps at the mine. The toe of the ultimate dump in Bingham Canyon will be above the Dry Fork Shops and so will be limited to areas that already contain waste rock (see map). Future waste rock disposal into Bingham Canyon will divert tons that would otherwise have to be hauled into undisturbed areas in upper Dry Fork Canyon. This will also serve to divert waste rock away from areas that are underlain by relatively clean groundwater resources and into an area that is historically impacted by acid rock drainage.

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The shorter haul distance for waste rock disposal will also result in a net decrease in air emissions during the peak years of production at the mine.

Rich Borden discussed this project with Tony Gallegos of your staff on November 18. If you have any additional questions or concerns please call me at 252-3257 or Rich Borden at 569-6208.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Paula H. Doughty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the last name.

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